



**Arizona Veterans Program Association
 & U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
 2009 IHL/NCD/APP/OJT Training Conference
 “From Combat to the Classroom”
 April 15th, 16th & 17th
 Little America Hotel
 Flagstaff, AZ**

Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, April 15

Event	Host/ Speaker
10:00 – 1:00	
Registration (Packet Pick Up) Meet and Greet	Conference Host
1:00 – 5:00	
General Session	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AVPA Business Meeting • VA RPO Update • Guest Speaker <i>“Supportive Education for the Returning Veteran” (SERV)</i> 	AVPA Executive Board VA RPO, Muskogee Maralynn Bernstein University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
6:00 – 6:30	
Gathering for Dinner at Black Bart’s Steakhouse (Optional) * Dinner at Attendees Own Expense	No Host

Thursday, April 16

Event	Host/ Speaker
7:30 – 8:00	
Registration (Packet Pick Up)	Conference Host
8:00 – 12:00	
General Session Conference Welcome	AVPA Executive Board
Meet Your New Chief Education Liaison Officer, VA RPO, Muskogee	Michael Marks
Training Breakout Sessions	Conference Host
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Certifying Officials • Senior Certifying Officials • Apprenticeship/ OJT Officials 	
12:00 – 1:00	
Lunch On Your Own	
1:00 – 3:15	
Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)	VA RPO, Muskogee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility Issues • Payment Procedures • The Yellow Ribbon Program • Transfer of Entitlement • Compliance Issues 	
3:30 – 4:00	
Breakout Sessions	
A. AZ Veterans’ Education & Training Approving Agency	VETAA
B. VA-Once Demo/Interactive Session	
C. OEF/OIF Community Outreach,	Cara Garcia VA Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ

4:00 – 4:30

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| B. Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment | George Stidham |
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6:00 ***

AVPA Banquet & Casino Night

Friday, April 17

Event

Host/ Speaker

8:00 – 10:30

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Conference Host

Conference participants will have the opportunity to meet with experts of their choosing to discuss a variety of topics. Topics include:

- Michael Marks & Mary Ann McMullen,
9/ 11 GI Bill, VA RPO, Muskogee
- Randy Lazaro, ELR, *Education Liaison Issues*
VA RO, Arizona
- Suzie Swafford, *Compliance Surveys*
VA RO, Arizona
- Phyllis Curtis
Asst. Education Officer
VA RPO, Muskogee, OK
- Lee Sevy, John Crawford, & April Monthie
School and Program Approval, VETAA
- Captain Noel Chun, *CH 1606/1607 Updates*,
AZ Natl. Guard
- VA RO, *VA Benefits*, Phoenix Representative
- Maralynn Bernstein
Supportive Education for the Returning Veteran (SERV)
University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
- Christine Neill, "*Constructing Surveys to Identify and Assess Veterans' Educational Needs on College Campuses*"
Estrella Mountain Community College, Avondale, Arizona
- AZ Natl. Guard, Office of Marketing & Advertising
- *Additional presenters to be scheduled.*

10:30 – 11:30

Closing

11:30 ***

Departure from Flagstaff to Home

Directions to Little America from Phoenix – Follow signs from Phoenix north on I-17. At Interchange with I-40 go east (Albuquerque). Exit off I-40 at Butler Ave. Turn right at stop sign, and turn immediately at next right by the gas station & truck stop. Little America is on the right at the corner of Butler Ave. and I-40.